1/14/71

Dear Mac,

Thanks for your note of the 6th that, with the newfound American efficiency reach me today, having sped 50 miles in eight days. Pretty soon we'll have the Pony Express, which will do a bit better than eight miles a day, lucky us!

I have what I take to be an accurate measure of the depth of interest of the staff of Senator Ervin's subcommitee: a month of silence.

But they have no monopoly. Enclosed is an unacknowledged 12/23 letter to Resor on the same subject. I know I have been the beneficiary of special attentions, have carbons of some transcripts of my appearances, and now suspect that the interest in me and interception of my baggage at one place may have been by Army intelligence, which was then active there.

If you are familiar with the miscalled "Freedom of Information" law, its legislative history and the Committee reports, you know that first of all it requires prompt response. If I get Resor's already-late answer (assuming I ever do) tomorrow it will be the fastest yet. It is not unusual for there be no response at all, even with prodding.

As the young people say, I think I have finally put it all together. George Orwell never lived. We just imagine he wrote "1984". The reality is that we are living a script by our fearless leader, title, "Nobody Cares", the great boon of the last half of the century. History is no longer rewritten after it happens: it is rewritten to happen that way now.

With all the right words, like freedom, law-and-order, democracy, general welfare.

Truly man has perfected the best of possible worlds. If it doesn't burn soon, that will be its eight wonder.

If I sound bitter, that doesn not influence my work. But increasingly I wonder if it will serve a purpose before your boys can read it to their grandchildren.

Our best to them and Ann.

Sincerely,